"INTUITION"

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Monarque n'a vraiment pas de chance avec le pouvoir d'Intuition. Quand ce n'est pas le Lucky Charm de Ladybug qui s'adapte, c'est l'imprévisibilité de Chat Noir qui vient tout faire échouer à la dernière seconde ! Mais quand les industries Tsurugi décident de tester leur nouvel avion spatial, Monarque pressent une occasion inespérée de se donner une vraie seconde chance. Il est prêt à tout, même si cela devait être sa dernière opportunité de s'emparer des Miraculous.

Monarch is really unlucky when it comes to the power of Intuition. Either Ladybug's Lucky Charm keeps adapting to the situation, or Cat Noir's unpredictability spoils everything at the last second! But when the Tsurugi technologies decide to test their new spaceplane , Monarch senses a unique occasion to get a real second chance. He is ready to do anything , even if it means that this could be his last chance to seize the Miraculous.

LAYOUT NOTE: we highlighted in colors the extracts that consist in reuse of images from former episodes.

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1 **EXT - RUINS OF THE BAKERY / FIRE - NIGHT**

In the ruins of the devastated neighborhood of Marinette's parents' bakery: a fire's broken out, and Glaciator wanders around in search of Ladybug and Cat Noir...
Does this scene seem familiar? Of course it does. It's a revival of ***scene 26 from episode 512 - Elation****, except for one small variation:* in this version of the scene, a GONG rings out! Glaciator looks up and sees, perched on a roof— Ladybug, Cat Noir and a huge red bell with black dots hanging from Ladybug's yo-yo — and the whole thing is falling down towards him! He hardly has time to distinguish something crackling inside when... GONG!!! He finds himself trapped inside the giant bell, struggling with a myriad of fireworks that go off (O.S.) with loud *bangs!* and *pops!*

1 GLACIATOR
Aaaah! I'm melting! I'm melting!
It's not fair!

A smiling Ladybug and Cat Noir congratulate each other.

2 LADYBUG
Guess he wasn't saved by the bell!

3 CAT NOIR
Hope he'll warm up to it!

INSERT - In his lair, Monarch doesn't look all that dismayed by his defeat. His finger on the ring charged with the power of INTUITION, he smiles.

4 MONARCH
Don't be so hard on GLACIATOR; he deserves a *second chance*!

He presses the ring... <FLASH!> Monarch sees his ring, charged with the power of second chance, flash.
BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SCENE: In the ruins of the devastated neighborhood of Marinette's parents' bakery: a fire's broken out, and Glaciator wanders around in search of Ladybug and Cat Noir!
Monarch's mask appears on Glaciator's face.

5 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Get away from that roof,
GLACIATOR... and beware of what might fall from the sky!

Glaciator looks up and sees... nothing!

6 GLACIATOR
What makes you say that?

7 MONARCH
Let's just call it... an INTUITION!

But this time Ladybug and Cat Noir appear in his back, armed with a red shield with black dots attached to the end of the Cat Noir's extended staff! They push Glaciator with the shield, making him fall next to the fire! The heat is so close it melts the ice...

8 GLACIATOR
Aaaah! I'm melting! I'm melting! It's not fair!

No longer smiling, Monarch presses the ring again. <FLASH!>
BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SCENE: The ring charged with the power of second chance flashing, the ruins of the devastated neighborhood, the fire, Glaciator wandering around in search of Ladybug and Cat Noir...
Monarch's mask appears on Glaciator's face.

9 MONARCH
No!!! Not that way! They're hiding behind this building!

But Glaciator hears Cat Noir, at a distance, come to challenge him.!

10 CAT NOIR
Glaciator? You win! I'll give you my Miraculous. *(pretending to take it off)* Oh no, would you look at that, my finger's stuck... must have gotten swollen... from all that ice cream!

Glaciator starts approaching warily.

Behind the villain, on the roof of a building located beyond the flames of the fire, Ladybug appears and throws the parasol, like a huge harpoon, attached to the string of her yo-yo.

The projectile crosses the layer of ice cream that covers Glaciator without hurting him (just like Cat Noir's staff earlier), comes out on the other side of the supervillain and then opens like a parachute.

11 GLACIATOR
What's going on? I can't see anything!

Cat Noir goes to Ladybug to help her pull on the string of the yo-yo. The parasol drags Glaciator towards the fire.

12 GLACIATOR (CONT'D)
Stop! What are you doing? You're melting my butt! You can't do that!

INSERT - Monarch isn't smiling any longer: he's exasperated.

13 MONARCH
YOU'RE KIDDING!

As he's about to activate "second chance" yet again...

14 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Aaaah... no! Not now!

Hit by a sudden stabbing pain in his arm, he falls to his knees... He is now unable to keep the rest from happening:

BACK TO - The heat melts the villain's ice-cream buttocks, revealing the akumatized André inside.

15 GLACIATOR
Aaaah! I'm melting! I'm melting!
That's not fair!

Cat Noir throws his staff and breaks the ice cream scoop, releasing the Megakuma.

16 LADYBUG
No more evil-doing for you,
Megakuma / Time to de-evilize /
Gotcha!

Ladybug and Cat Noir pound it.

17 LADYBUG / CAT NOIR
Pound it!

2 **INT. NATHALIE'S ROOM - DAY**

Gabriel is now sitting next to Nathalie with his head in his hands, utterly hopeless.

18 GABRIEL
This power of second chance is of no use to me against Ladybug's magical luck! Every single time her lucky charm adapts!!!

Nathalie looks at him coldly.

19 NATHALIE
Deprive her of her yo-yo. Without her lucky charm, she won't stand a *chance* against you.

20 GABRIEL
I've tried that before!

3 **EXT. TUILERIES - DAY**

We find our heroes in the middle of a fight. Cat Noir, whose power has been disrupted by Dark Humor, is throwing balls with his paw in place of the cataclysm. You'll recognize this as the beginning of scene 30 of episode 514 - ***Derision.***

21 CAT NOIR
I don’t know about you, but I’m having a ball!

All this with Dark Humor’s supernatural laugh track in the background. Ladybug throws her lucky charm.

22 LADYBUG
LUCKY CHARM!!!

From that point on, the scene differs from episode 514. Ladybug gets... a pastry bag of whipped cream that she ties to her yo-yo. Pulling the wire to squeeze the pastry bag remotely, she shoots the whipped cream right onto Dark Humor’s goggles!

23 LADYBUG (CONT'D)
Looks like you just got... creamed!

24 DARK HUMOR
Hey! It's not funny when I get hit!

Blinded, the villain steps on one of Cat Noir's balls and falls... breaking his goggles as his own power's magical laugh track goes off. The Megakuma flies away.

Monarch presses his ring, charged with the power of second chance! <FLASH!>
BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF THE SCENE: Monarch sees his ring of second chance flash... and we find our heroes in the middle of a fight. Cat Noir and his power out of whack:

25 CAT NOIR
I don’t know about you, but I’m having a ball!

Ladybug, about to throw her lucky charm. But right before she does...

26 MONARCH
Now aim at her yoyo!

27 LADYBUG
LUCKY CHARM!!!

From there, we return to the scene just like it happened in episode 514. Now warned, Dark Humor aims and hits the yo-yo in mid-air with one of his arrows... The power of derision transforms the yo-yo into a balloon that rises into the sky.

28 MONARCH
Now, this is where your luck runs out, Ladybug !

But Cat Noir playfully leaps at the balloon to play!

29 CAT NOIR
Yay! Come on, buddy, let's play ball!

He sends the balloon towards Dark Humor, distracting him. Ladybug seizes this chance to go and hide.

When Dark Dumor manages to get rid of the balloon, he sees:

Ladybug, already heading back with a new yoyo.

30 DARK HUMOR
Hey, wait!... How did she do that?

31 MONARCH
She had time to transform back again, you fool!

This time, Dark Humor doesn't have time to destroy the yoyo, thanks to which Ladybug finally calls up a...

32 LADYBUG
Lucky Charm!

She gets... a red toilet bowl with black dots!

In his lair, Monarch clenches his fist with rage.

4 **INT. NATHALIE'S ROOM - DAY**

...Gabriel's fist is clenched tight in Nathalie's room.

33 GABRIEL
If I deprive her of her Lucky Charm, she replaces it, and when we manage to stop her altogether...

INSERT FLASHBACK - Excerpt from episode 507 - ***Passion.*** Safari hits Ladybug, paralyzing her. Cat Noir takes her in his arms and runs away...

34 GABRIEL (OFF) (CONT'D)
... Cat Noir is right there!

51 INSERT - Cat Noir returns to fight as Mister Bug, using the lucky charm himself, and Safari is de-akumatized!

END FLASHBACK. Back to the room, where Gabriel lowers his head, defeated, desperate, at his wit's end.

35 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
I'm wasting my time, Nathalie.

Gabriel rolls up his sleeve and shows Nathalie his arm.

36 MONARCH
And time is something I can't afford to lose...

Nathalie sees in horror that the arm is now completely blackened by the impact of Cat Noir's cataclysm.

INSERT - superimposed behind Gabriel, a freeze frame of the moment CN cataclysmed Monarch's arm.

37 NATHALIE
No... The mark of Cat Noir's cataclysm...

Gabriel nods darkly.

38 GABRIEL
Every time I use Second Chance, time rewinds for Ladybug, Cat Noir, and the rest of the world. But not for me. I remember every one of those attempts... and so does my body.

Gabriel half-opens his shirt collar: the mark now goes all way up to his neck! Nathalie, impressed by the extent of the degradation, puts her ear against Gabriel's chest.

39 NATHALIE
Gabriel... Your heart has been hurt! You can never use the power of Second Chance again!!!

40 GABRIEL
And who will use it, then!? You, perhaps!?

A beat. He looks at Nathalie's exoskeleton. She coughs. Gabriel pulls himself together.

41 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
Forgive me.
(A beat. He continues)
As for using an akumatized villain, it's too dangerous. They'd hold sole power over time and memory of the events... and if they foolishly compromised that power, we could lose everything.

Nathalie looks at him coldly.

42 NATHALIE
So far, you're the one who acted foolishly, risked everything and lost everything. Your use of the Miraculous is CONDEMNING US!

Gabriel, shocked, looks down. Nathalie softens.

43 NATHALIE (CONT'D)
Gabriel, you may only have a few weeks left like this. And I don’t have much more than that... Maybe it's time to stop chasing after the Miraculous and start looking for a solution for Adrien. Make sure he's not alone once we're gone.

Gabriel, a veil of sadness in his eyes, looks at Natalie. He doesn't say anything, but by the look in her eyes, she understands that she’s hit a nerve. She takes his hands and smiles sadly at him.

44 NATHALIE (CONT'D)
Do it. For Emilie...

5 **INT. AGRESTE KITCHEN - DAY**

At breakfast, Gabriel prepares pancakes as best he can for Adrien (his arm still hurts); while struggling to take a pancake off the pan, he clumsily tries to start a conversation with his son.

45 GABRIEL
Tell me, Adrien... besides Nathalie and me... is there anyone else you like to spend time with?

65 Adrien, who has no idea how serious the situation is, smiles, dreamy:

46 ADRIEN
We-ell...

Just then his phone rings! Adrien looks at the screen and smiles.

47 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
Fancy that, Marinette!
(to his father)
I like spending time with Marinette!

He doesn't see Gabriel's grimace and happily answers a very proud Marinette’s 'facetime' call:

48 MARINETTE
Guess what I'm calling for? Nothing!!! Can you believe it? I'm calling you randomly, totally out of the blue, for NO reason at all!

49 ADRIEN
(teasing her)
So you didn't write down everything you might need to say to me based on everything I might say to you?

Marinette hurriedly throws a ball of paper over her shoulder... before confessing:

50 MARINETTE
Not at all!
(A beat)
Well, I did... (correcting herself) I really tried not to, you know, but it was too hard! Anyhow, I limited myself to 14 possible conversations! Including this one!

Adrien smiles, amused by Marinette's efforts.

51 ADRIEN
Congratulations!

52 MARINETTE
Thank you!

53 ADRIEN
And... And did you prepare questions for science class??

Marinette, thrilled, sticks out her chest:

54 MARINETTE
Not-a-one! Not even for the live videoconference we're doing with Max's mom on the super-awesome Tsurugi Space Jet... I, Marinette, will improvise questions... unpredictably! Without planning anything!

Gabriel abruptly drops the pancake pan, wincing. Adrien hangs up and rushes to his rescue.

55 ADRIEN
Dad... (to Marinette) I have to go!... DAD!

Gabriel takes it on the chin and forces himself to pick up the frying pan while looking as jovial as possible.

56 GABRIEL
I'm fine, Adrien... I, I just got distracted... So did I hear that your school is hosting a video conference for the Tsurugi Space Jet test this afternoon? That's absolutely wonderful!

6 **INT. CRYPT**

Standing before his wife lying in her glass bubble, Gabriel shows a completely different face. Serious. Solemn. Pained.

57 GABRIEL
My love... I'll be putting myself in danger like I never have before. I know you wouldn't like it... But if I succeed, we'll be saved! Together at last!

He whips around and casts the camera a look that is more threatening than ever.

58 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
In order to unite us, I'm going to break up Ladybug and Cat Noir forever!

7 **INT. LAIR - DAY**

Back in his study, Gabriel takes off his Alliance, and...

59 GABRIEL
Nooroo... Dark wings rise!

He transforms into Monarch. Sass sees him approaching his cage and protests!

60 SASS
Didn't you say "never again"?

Monarch grins and puts his ring on the cage.

61 MONARCH
What are you complaining about? With me, you always get a second chance... Sass, your power is now mine!

He ruthlessly sucks the kwami's magical essence into his ring. On his ring, the Second Chance logo lights up green. Monarch immediately unleashes the power.

62 **MONARCH** (CONT'D)
SECOND CHANCE!

His ring starts flashing, showing the seconds elapsing from when he triggered the power. **From now on, no matter what happens, he can go back in time to that exact moment.** Monarch puts his Alliance back on.

63 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Alliance, please call Mrs. Tsurugi.

Mrs. Tsurugi's hologram pops up above the Alliance ring, her blind eyes hidden behind a pair of glasses.

64 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Tsurugi-san, I need the control codes for your Space Jet.

65 TSURUGI SAN
Why now? Are you planning something I don't know about? What is it you're not telling me, Gabriel?

Monarch grimaces, and presses his ring. <FLASH!>
IT ALL STARTS OVER AGAIN: Monarch sees the ring charged with Second Chance flash, showing the seconds ticking. He calls Mrs. Tsurugi again.

66 MONARCH
Tsurugi San, I'm worried about the Space Jet test this afternoon... I'd like to make sure there are no security breaches in the system and—

But Mrs. Tsurugi, incredibly annoyed, cuts him off:

67 TSURUGI SAN
Gabriel, I've allowed you to choose the color of the seats on the plane, but computer security is my concern! Besides, I don't understand why you're asking me that question! Unless... there's something you're not telling me?

Monarch grimaces, and presses his ring. <FLASH!>
IT ALL STARTS OVER AGAIN: Monarch sees the ring charged with Second Chance flash, showing the seconds ticking. He calls Mrs. Tsurugi again.

68 MONARCH
Tsurugi-san, I order you to give me the codes to your Space Jet!!

But she just replies coldly:

69 TSURUGI SAN
Have your Monarch powers gone to your head? You can't intimidate me. There must be something you're not telling me...

70 MONARCH
Never. All I want is--

71 TSURUGI SAN
(cutting him off)
Silence! Let me listen... *(surprised)* Your heart... It's beating abnormally, Gabriel-san. You're feeble. What are you hiding from me?

Monarch grimaces and, with his finger on his ring, hesitates to reactivate Second Chance... but something holds him back. As if piqued by curiosity, he confesses:

72 MONARCH
My fighting has weakened me. I don't have long left...

A long silence from Tsurugi-san. Monarch, on the alert, stands ready to press the ring at the slightest slip... But after a long silence, Mrs. Tsurugi finally says:

73 TSURUGI SAN
I want the Miraculous as much as you do. I want a new world too. *

She uses her Alliance to send the code to the Space Jet via a virtual window: **K1s3k1_n0_Sh1n_J1d41.** (i.e. *Kiseki no Shin Jidai* in "leetspeak", which translates to *New Era of Miracles* in Japanese). *

74 MONARCH
Thank you, Tsurugi-San.

75 TSURUGI SAN
May luck be with you, Gabriel.

Monarch ends the communication and smiles.

76 MONARCH
It already is.

Satisfied, he presses his ring. <FLASH!>
IT ALL STARTS OVER AGAIN: Monarch sees the ring charged with Second Chance flash, showing the seconds ticking. But this time, he doesn't call Mrs. Tsurugi.

77 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Dark wings fall.

Now that he's Gabriel again, he just writes down the code she just gave him on a piece of paper: **K1s3k1_n0_Sh1n_J1d41.**

FADE TO BLACK

8 **INT. LAIR - LATER**

Staging note: This scene is seen from Monarch's POV in front of his holographic screens.

Nadja Chamack is on air, commenting the spectacular images of Claudie Kanté at the commands of the Tsurugi Space Jet.

78 NADJA CHAMACK
She's incredible! Claudie Kanté, at the commands of Tsurugi Industries' most sophisticated Space Jet, and with minutes to go before test launch, still makes time to answer questions from her son's classmates!

ZOOM OUT TO REVEAL: Nadja is on the holographic screen of Monarch's alliance. Monarch swipes the window to connect to another window: the videoconference between Marinette's class and Claudie's cockpit!

Claudie Kanté, Max's mother, is finishing answering a student's question.

79 CLAUDIE
... in space, the jet will be flying at well over 6,000 miles per hour!
(A beat)
Any more questions?

Marinette addresses Claudie via the class screen.

80 MARINETTE
You said the Space Jet was equipped with artificial intelligence. Can you explain how it works?

81 CLAUDIE
Of course, Marinette! You’re right, I haven't introduced ADA yet! In fact, I'll let her introduce herself!

8 Monarch, with a little smile that says a lot about his evil intentions, watches on his screen. The artificial intelligence responds:

82 ADA
Hello, I am ADA, Affective Decision Assistance system...

In the classroom, Max's AI robot, Markov, displays a proud face on his face screen.

83 MARKOV
In a way, ADA is like my little sister!

84 ADA
More like your updated, improved version! Hehe.

85 MARKOV
That's what all little sisters say! Haha!

Monarch deploys a second holographic screen, keeping an eye on the ongoing videoconference.

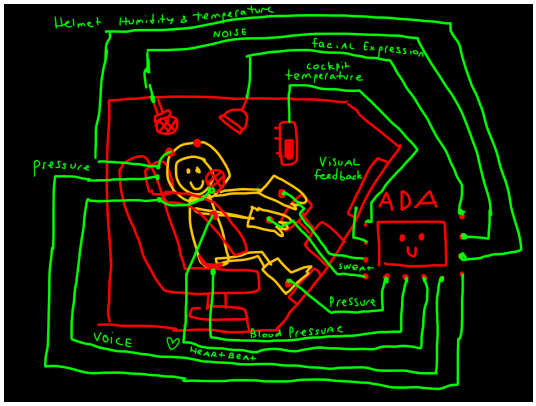
The whole class turns to Max, impressed.

86 MARINETTE
Max! That's awesome!!! You wrote a program for Mrs. Tsurugi's Space Jet!?!

87 MAX
No, I just made Markov's technology available for free on the Internet, and Tsurugi Industries decided to use it.

88 CLAUDIE
Thanks to special sensors spread all across the jet, ADA can feel my presence and everything I'm feeling!

From her cockpit, Claudie shows the class A GRAPHIC SCREEN showing how ADA's sensory sensors, arranged throughout the cockpit, provide ADA with all of her pilot's data!



Monarch doesn't miss a single word of the conversation... as he accesses the system in question via his second holographic screen.

89 HOME SCREEN ROBOTIC VOICE
Welcome to the ADA system! Please enter your password.

Monarch enters the password Tsurugi gave him: **K1s3k1_n0_Sh1n_J1d41.** A home screen appears.

90 HOME SCREEN ROBOTIC VOICE (CONT'D)
Connecting to ADA system.

Monarch now has access to all of ADA's commands! He chooses the sensor control panel, **which Claudie just showed the students!** Meanwhile, next to it, on the screen that monitors the video-conference, the students are still asking questions.

91 KIM
Did you bring a swimsuit?
(Everyone bursts out laughing)
What? I heard there were pools on Mars!

92 CLAUDIE
(Amused)
I'm sorry, Kim, but there's no pool on Mars, just a little water in the form of ice!

93 KIM
In that case I don't see the point in going there!

94 CLAUDIE
Also, we're not going to Mars, Kim...
(Seeing Kim's disappointed look, she backtracks)
At least not yet! But the reason we're doing these tests is so we can go there some day! Today, for example, we'll be testing how a pilot and an AI like ADA can support each other during stressful situations... This will be very useful for a trip to Mars!

95 KIM
(totally relieved)
Oooooh right... so *that's* when you'll be taking your swimsuit!

The whole class bursts out laughing onscreen! We see Adrien watching Marinette tenderly: she's laughing with the others, more relaxed than ever. Marinette spots his gaze, blushes a little, then gives him a bright smile in return... Monarch doesn't see any of this, too busy staring at the screen that broadcasts the images of Claudie's Space Jet... because the moment he's been waiting for so long is FINALLY coming.

96 ADA
Claudie, I'm sensing that you're emotionally ready, enthusiastic and confident. Initiating test sequence!

Claudie’s data appear on ADA’s dashboard: a green silhouette representing her, + a heartbeat tracking line + all kinds of miscellaneous measurements, etc.

97 CLAUDIE
Let's do this, Ada. Test #1.

On the screen, Monarch watches Claudie abruptly kill the plane's engines! The plane goes down in a nose-dive, heading for earth. On the monitor next to it, everyone in the class holds their breath. On ADA’s dashboard, the heartbeats accelerate, curves go wild in all directions, Claudie's silhouette goes from green to orange then to red.

98 ADA
My sensors can detect your stress accurately, Claudie, and at this point, you are no longer able to maneuver the aircraft safely. I'm taking command.

ADA takes control of the aircraft. The plane recovers. Claudie's heart rate curves calm down slowly.

Monarch sees the Space Jet regain the right altitude, Claudie's heart rate return to normal, and her silhouette turn green again.

99 ADA (CONT'D)
Your stress level's back to normal, so I'm relinquishing control back to you.

100 CLAUDIE
Test #1 is a success.

On the classroom screen, the students clap.

101 CLAUDIE (CONT'D)
Congratulations, Ada. And now, on to test #2!

Claudie ejects in midair!

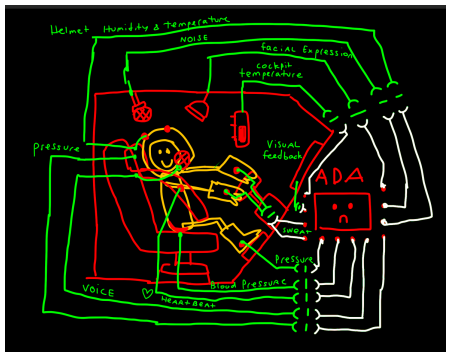
102 ADA
The sensors in your suit tell me you've ejected out of the aircraft, Claudie! I'm bringing you back.

ADA immediately takes control of the aircraft. A spectacular maneuver in space, a smooth backward loop, ADA positions the airplane just below Claudie's drop point...

That's the moment Monarch was waiting for. **With his eyes on ADA's system command screen,** he presses the ring with the green snake logo to trigger his power.

103 **MONARCH**
SECOND CHANCE!

His ring starts flashing, showing the seconds ticking. **From now on, no matter what happens, he can go back in time to this exact moment.** Without wasting a second, Monarch shuts down all connections to the sensors on ADA's control screen.



104 HOME SCREEN ROBOTIC VOICE
All sensory connections are down.

While on the screen, Claudie falls back into the cockpit unhindered, her heartbeat and silhouette suddenly disappear from ADA's dashboard!

105 ADA
Claudie?

On the screen showing Marinette and Adrien's class, everyone applauds until emergency <beep beep beeps> ring out, and ADA's digital voice worries:

106 ADA (CONT'D)
Claudie? I can no longer sense your vitals! Claudie!?

Claudie realizes something's wrong.

107 CLAUDIE
What!? I'm here, ADA! ADA? Can you hear me?!

Monarch, taking in all the drama, smiles.

108 MONARCH
For that to happen, she'd have to still have her ears.

He rejoices to see the poor ADA, lost, announce to everyone, with a sadness in her voice deep enough to break everyone's heart:

109 ADA
Test #2 has failed. The pilot was not recovered and is currently outside my detection range. With no humans on board... I am resuming control of the plane.

Claudie, panicking, pushes all the buttons.

110 CLAUDIE
ADA, no! I'm here!!!

Max too tries to intervene.

111 MAX
ADA! My mom is still on board, the test was a success!

Monarch gloats as he watches them panic on his screens.

112 MONARCH
In space, my friends, no one can hear you scream.

On the screen, ADA takes control of the Space Jet and leaves the Earth's orbit, heading into outer space! A new window pops up on top of those already open: Nadja Chamack, going on with her live comment, stunned!

113 NADJA CHAMACK
What's... What's going on? Claudie Kanté's Space Jet is leaving Earth's orbit?!

INSERT - With a calm and precise gesture, Monarch shapes a new Megakuma... But he doesn't send it right away, leaving it to fly around the room quietly. Meanwhile, Monarch heads towards the first kwami's cage to charge a first ring.

114 **MONARCH**
Kaalki, your power is now mine.

BACK TO - ADA’s cute face appearing one last time across all screens. Her voice echoes in Monarch’s lair, in Marinette's classroom, in Claudie's cockpit.

115 ADA
Today, at 14:37, I lost my pilot in space. Test #2 has determined that I am a dangerous invention. To protect humans from my failures, I will fly the Space Jet to the ends of the universe. For your safety, do not attempt to retrieve me. End of transmission.

NEW INSERT ON MONARCH IN HIS LAIR, charging a second ring.

116 **MONARCH**
Trixx, your power is now mine.

BACK TO - Max frantically typing away on his keyboard with Markov's assistance.

117 MAX
ADA! ADA! It's as if... she couldn't hear anything!

118 MARKOV
I'm 100% sure that someone hacked into the Space Jet remotely to cut off all the sensors' feedback circuits.

119 MARINETTE
Max, can you fix it?

But Max is now looking at the same command window as Monarch earlier.

120 HOME SCREEN ROBOTIC VOICE
Welcome to the ADA system! Please enter your password!

121 MAX
I don't have it. I don't have the password to Tsurugi Industries. I can't access the controls.

NEW INSERT ON MONARCH IN HIS LAIR, charging a third ring.

122 **MONARCH**
Wayzz, your power is now mine.

BACK TO THE CLASSROOM.

123 ALYA
Don't worry, Max, Ladybug and Cat Noir will fix this!

NEW INSERT ON MONARCH IN HIS LAIR, replying to Alya (she can't hear him) with an evil grin.

124 **MONARCH**
I'm counting on it.
(He charges a fourth ring.)
Ziggi, your power is now mine.

With all four rings charged, their logos light up: Teleportation, Illusion, Protection and Passion. Monarch finally extends his hand for his Megakuma to delicately land on it.

125 **MONARCH** (CONT'D)
Voyage!

He opens a portal and rushes into it.

9 **EXT. TOP OF THE MONTPARNASSE TOWER - DAY**

Monarch comes out of the portal, his Megakuma still in hand, directly on the roof of the Montparnasse Tower.
He falls to his knees, bending under the impact of his injury and all his accumulated powers.

126 MONARCH
Ha!

Despite his aching arm (he scratches himself), he activates the power of the Goat (Passion)...

127 MONARCH (CONT'D)
GENESIS!

... And draws a meteorite in the void! As soon as it is drawn, it appears where he imagined it: in the sky, on the edge of space, rushing towards Paris!
Next, he triggers:

128 MONARCH (CONT'D)
ILLUSION!

A giant and threatening Monarch face appears in front of the Eiffel Tower... Stunned passers-by start filming with their Alliance rings.

129 PASSERSBY
Monarch! Monarch is attacking us!

10 **INT. SCHOOL / CLASSROOM - DAY**

Staging note: from this point on we're leaving Gabriel / Monarch's POV.
In the classroom, the Alliances ring out!

130 ALLIANCES
Monarch Alert! Monarch Alert!

Marinette casts an annoyed glance at her smartphone screen. She sees Monarch's gigantic and threatening face on the Eiffel Tower.

131 MONARCH
LADYBUG, CAT NOIR... you're going to have to choose. Will you stop this huge meteorite threatening the people of Paris, or rescue Claudie Kanté, trapped inside her out-of-control Space Jet?

Everyone rushes to the window to look at the meteorite. Max is the only one who can't take his eyes off the videoconference screen, as his mother's Space Jet flies away.

132 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Of course you could also choose to give me your Miraculous... and save everyone, by letting me help you.

133 MISS BUSTIER
Everybody stay calm. Ladybug and Cat Noir are going to take care the problem.

Marinette looks at the meteorite, then Max's screen. She exchanges a knowing glance with Alya, who winks at her in return.

134 MARINETTE
(pretending)
Oh Alya... I'm not feeling very good....I think I should go see the nurse.

To the girls's surprise, a really worried Adrien reacts before Alya.

135 ADRIEN
I'll take you over there, Marinette.

Marinette hesitates for a tiny beat, watching Alya shrug — she doesn't know what to do. Then she looks at Adrien. Marinette needs to hurry.

136 MARINETTE
Um, ok...thanks Adrien...

11 **EXT. SCHOOL YARD - DAY**

Adrien and Marinette arrive at the door of the nurse's office. They look at the threatening meteorite above them, still high in the sky.

137 MARINETTE
Thanks for walking me over, Adrien.

A short moment that lasts forever: both seem to hesitate, each worried for the other, each sorry to have to leave the other... and, like a cry from the heart, they simultaneously say :

MARINETTE (CONT'D) ADRIEN
Be careful, okay? Be careful, okay?

As soon as the door of the nurse's office has closed on Marinette, Adrien sighs and rushes towards the locker room.

138 ADRIEN (CONT'D)
Plagg, claws on!

Adrien transforms into Cat Noir.

CUT TO:
We head back to the infirmary door, which is still locked.

139 NURSE (OFF)
Shall we call your parents?

140 MARINETTE (OFF)
Just seeing you has made me all better, thank you, nurse!

We see Marinette rush out of the nurse's office, run across the empty yard and stop behind a post where she whispers:

141 MARINETTE (OFF) (CONT'D)
Tikki, spots on!

When she comes out on the other side, it's Ladybug that we see hurtling towards the sky!

12 **EXT. TROCADERO - ROOF - DAY**

Ladybug and Cat Noir meet up before Monarch’s illusion.

142 LADYBUG
(pointing to the meteorite)
Can you cataclysm it?

143 CAT NOIR
This could paw-ssibly be an illusion designed to waste our time!

144 LADYBUG
We can't take that risk! I'll deal with the Space Jet, you deal with the meteorite.

They simultaneously swallow a magicaroon and a magicamembert, then...

145 LADYBUG / CAT NOIR
Power up!

They transform into Cosmobug and Astrocat.
They split up: Astrocat heads towards the meteorite, Cosmobug towards the drifting Space Jet.

146 MONARCH
Exactly as planned. Now that you’ve split up, you are at my mercy.

13 **EXT. SPACE - DAY**

Cosmobug gets to the Space Jet and sees Claudie through the cockpit windshield. She makes contact with the pilot via her radio:

147 COSMOBUG
Hi Claudie! Don't worry, we're going to come up with a solution together!

But ADA thinks the message is for her and responds to Cosmobug bitterly:

148 ADA
I don't want your help. I have failed.

149 COSMOBUG
ADA, you didn't fail! Claudie's inside the cockpit, you can't detect her because your sensors have been disabled! But if we get back to Earth and fix them...

150 ADA
NO. I don't need to be fixed. I need to disappear.

INSERT - From his lair, Monarch is enjoying the moment.

151 MONARCH
How fortunate that an artificial intelligence can suffer so much!

Monarch creates a mini teleportation portal and **finally sends in his Megakuma.**

152 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Voyage, my Megakuma!

The portal opens in space, right by the fuselage of the Space Jet. The Megakuma plunges directly into the metal sheet (without Cosmobug seeing it).
Monarch's mask appears in front of ADA's screen.

153 MONARCH (CONT'D)
BUGFIGHTER, I am Monarch. The only reason Cosmobug wants to help you is so humans can test you again and again, even if it means losing more pilots!

154 ADA
I refuse to go through that pain again.

155 MONARCH
I understand. If you accept my help, you will have the ability to stop them. All I ask in return is her Miraculous, the magical little earrings that give Cosmobug her powers.

Ladybug's Miraculous appear on ADA's screen.

156 ADA
If her powers endanger my pilots,
they must be taken from her!

Cosmobug and Claudie then see **the Space Jet transform into BUGFIGHTER:** a magical plane equipped with Anti-Cosmobug weapons. To begin with, she deploys a gigantic laser arm and scans COSMOBUG with her analytical beam...

157 BUGFIGHTER
COSMOBUG ENEMY identified!

158 COSMOBUG
No, I'm your friend, Ada...

159 BUGFIGHTER
I am no longer Ada... I am
Bugfighter, and I have no friends.

Cosmobug, with the analytical laser on her, launches her...

160 COSMOBUG
LUCKY CHARM!

... But BUGFIGHTER's analytical laser immediately focuses into a dot that disintegrates the Lucky Charm, even before it has formed!

161 COSMOBUG (CONT'D)
No!

162 MONARCH
HAHAHA!!! FINALLY! Finally, your
luck has turned, Cosmobug!

Cosmobug doesn't have time to react -- BUGFIGHTER deploys another mechanical arm to capture her, and she finds herself with her feet and fists immobilized. Cosmobug struggles...

163 COSMOBUG
Haw! You're making a mistake,
Bugfighter!

...in vain. Another mechanical arm is already coming out of a trap door to take her earrings... as Claudie watches, pounding at the windshield as hard as she can.

164 CLAUDIE
Nooo! ADA! Stop!

But BUGFIGHTER doesn't hear her, and her arm slowly moves closer to COSMOBUG's ears -- who can't free herself...

165 BUGFIGHTER
Your reign ends here! *

166 MONARCH
HAHAHA! In space, nobody will come to help you, Cosmobug... least of all, Astrocat!

14 **EXT. TOP OF MONTPARNASSE TOWER - DAY**

And he knows what he's talking about! Hidden at the top of the Montparnasse Tower, Monarch has his eye on Astrocat, who rushes high into the sky towards space, his hand charged with its Cataclysm, straight towards the meteorite -- which turns out to be very real!

167 ASTROCAT
Cataclysm!

No sooner has he cataclysmed it and pirouetted backwards to avoid the debris than Monarch, who was waiting for just that moment, triggers:

168 MONARCH
Protection!

He sends his Protection shield to capture him, but just then:

169 COSMOBUG
Astrocat, I could use a helping paw right about *now*!

Cosmobug's call makes Astrocat move, narrowly escaping the shield. He realizes:

170 ASTROCAT
HEY!
(A beat)
Coming, my Cosmo-Lady!

Astrocat leaves immediately, heading for the akumatized Space Jet.

INSERT - Monarch rushes to press his ring...

171 MONARCH
You are not going anywhere, kitten!

<FLASH!> **IT ALL STARTS OVER AGAIN:** Monarch sees the ring charged with Second Chance flash, showing the seconds ticking... Without wasting a second, Monarch kills all the sensor connections on ADA's control screen again...

172 ROBOTIC VOICE
All sensory connections are down.

Here we go again! The emergency <beep beep beeps>, and ADA's digital voice panicking:

173 ADA
Claudie? I can no longer sense your vitals! Claudie!?

The Space Jet heading off into space!

174 NADJA CHAMACK
What's... What's going on? Claudie Kanté's Space Jet is leaving Earth's orbit?!

Monarch's threat!

175 MONARCH
LADYBUG, CAT NOIR... you're going to have to choose. Will you stop this huge meteorite threatening the people of Paris, or rescue Claudie Kanté trapped from her out-of-control Space Jet?

Cosmobug getting captured!

176 CLAUDIE
ADA! Stop!

The meteorite getting cataclysmed! But this time, Monarch sends the shield earlier, before Cosmobug calls. Astrocat can't avoid it. He's now trapped inside the shield.

177 ASTROCAT
Hey!

That's when Cosmobug calls for help.

178 COSMOBUG
Astrocat, I could use a helping paw right about *now*!

Astrocat looks around, at a loss.

179 ASTROCAT
Right! Uh... I'll see what I can do!

Just then, a teleportation portal opens behind him. Astrocat has just enough time to see Monarch's hand come out to try and take his Miraculous. On Monarch's hand, he spots the activated Second Chance ring.

180 ASTROCAT (CONT'D)
You're KIDDING! M'Lady! Monarch is using Second chance!

181 COSMOBUG (OFF)
WHAT?!

Astrocat doesn't waste a second... and presses Monarch's ring himself!

182 ASTROCAT
You know what? I'd like a second chance too!

<FLASH!> **IT ALL STARTS OVER AGAIN:** Completely in spite of himself this time, Monarch finds himself with his second chance ring flashing, looking at ADA's control screen again, with all the connections needing to be shut down again.

183 MONARCH
Nooooo!!! I was ALMOST there! Well then, if he wants to play that game...

With an angry gesture, he turns to Pollen's cage.

184 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Pollen, your power is now mine!

Then Monarch rushes to his holographic screen to shut down all the sensory connections.

185 ROBOTIC VOICE
All sensory connections are down.

190 The sequence starts over again (accelerated) - the emergency <beep beep beep> - the Space Jet heading off into space - Monarch's threat.

186 MONARCH
LADYBUG, CAT NOIR...

Ladybug's capture. The meteorite getting cataclysmed. Astrocat trapped by the shield.

But this time, when Monarch opens the portal inside the shield, he is armed with the Venom spinning top, and he uses it to freeze Astrocat before he can even see his hand.

187 COSMOBUG
Astrocat, I could use a helping paw right about *now*!

This time Astrocat cannot respond. Monarch is ecstatic.

188 MONARCH
Finally, luck has changed sides.

15 **CROSS CUT SPACE - SPACE JET / PARIS - SKY**

-Near the Space Jet, Cosmobug is captive and Bugfighter is about to take her Miraculous!

-Inside the shield, Astrocat is frozen and Monarch is about to take his Miraculous from him through a portal.

-But, in space, just as BUGFIGHTER's arm reaches out to grab her Miraculous... COSMOBUG VISION! She sees Claudie, the windshield, and the emergency hammer, highlighted.

189 COSMOBUG
Claudie, smash the windshield with the emergency hammer!

Claudie shoots an apprehensive look at Bugfighter's weaponized arms.

190 CLAUDIE
It's too dangerous.

191 COSMOBUG
You've got your suit and your helmet on, you're safe, it's going to work. Just trust me!

Claudie starts hitting the windshield. The glass cracks...

192 BUGFIGHTER
Internal damage detected.

Just as she was about to take the Miraculous from Cosmobug, Bugfighter stops, detecting the widening cracks in her cockpit window. She points her disintegrator arm in its direction...

193 BUGFIGHTER (CONT'D)
I don't understand Monarch, I'm not detecting any presence in the cockpit.

Cosmobug smiles -- it's working. Claudie is reluctant to continue. Cosmobug, still captive, encourages her on.

194 COSMOBUG
She CANNOT detect you! That's the flaw! Come out and help me, she won't attack you!

Claudie starts hitting the windshield again.

195 BUGFIGHTER
Monarch, where is this attack coming from?

INSERT - Monarch finds himself forced to turn away from Astrocat's Miraculous. The portal closes, but Astrocat remains trapped inside the shield, frozen.

An exasperated Monarch has to focus on his akumatizated villain to manipulate her.

196 MONARCH
It's a trap! Cosmobug is pretending that Claudie is inside the cockpit so you'll stop trying to seize her MIRACULOUS!

Except the cockpit windshield suddenly shatters! Claudie, still wearing her spacesuit, emergency hammer in hand, launches into the void towards Cosmobug, and starts bashing the mechanical arm holding Cosmobug captive with the emergency hammer.

197 BUGFIGHTER
How could my windshield break, and who's trying to destroy my mechanical arm, if no one is there?

198 COSMOBUG
Someone is there! It's Claudie; you just can't sense her! Trust me!!

199 MONARCH
Fight back, Bugfighter, or she'll rip your arm off!

And she does! Claudie sends the Miraculous-stealing-arm flying into space and starts attacking the laser arm!

200 BUGFIGHTER
I don't understand that order, Monarch! Who is this "**she**" you are talking about!?

An embarrassed Monarch realizes he can't mention Claudie! He stutters an impromptu explanation.

201 MONARCH
Uh, I meant "it"! The asteroid! An asteroid is attacking you! Destroy it!

Bugfighter scans the surroundings with her analytical beam.

202 BUGFIGHTER
I'm not detecting any asteroid around... but I am picking up the vibrations of deceit... YOU ARE LYING TO ME! Is Claudie still here?!

203 COSMOBUG
She is, Bugfighter!

Bugfighter rejects the Megakuma. She turns back into the original Space Jet.

204 MONARCH
No!

He presses his ring and <FLASH!>
HE HAS TO DO IT ALL OVER AGAIN: Hacking into Ada, threatening the superheroes, the akumatisation, Bugfighter capturing Cosmobug, capturing Astrocat... This time, Monarch anticipates everything.

205 MONARCH (CONT'D)
Bugfighter, destroy the emergency hammer inside your cockpit!

206 BUGFIGHTER
Why would I do that if there's no one inside the plane?

207 MONARCH
(at a loss)
Well...

208 BUGFIGHTER
I'm picking up the vibrations of deceit. Claudie is still inside, isn't she?

Monarch presses his ring before Bugfighter can reject the Megakuma. <FLASH!> **IT ALL STARTS OVER:** The hack. The threat. The superheroes getting captured.
And Monarch making yet another attempt.

209 MONARCH
Bugfighter, immobilize your pilot with your seatbelts!

210 BUGFIGHTER
What do you mean, ***my pilot***?

Missed again! Without even waiting for the Megakuma to be rejected, <FLASH!> **EVERYTHING STARTS AGAIN AND AGAIN AND AGAIN. Increasingly faster. Series of shots of the hacking and Monarch pressing his rings constantly, starting over and over again... but every single time, Bugfighter sets Cosmobug free and rejects the Megakuma.**

<FLASH!> Gabriel eventually collapses. On his knees in the middle of his lair, he de-transforms, completely drained of strength.

In their little cages, the kwamis look at each other, at him, without knowing what to do.

211 BAARK
Is it over?

In the silence of the lair, on the holographic screen of the Alliance ring (it's still on), we can see Claudie's trial ending in success, without getting hacked...

212 CLAUDIE
Test #2 was a success.
Congratulations, ADA.

213 ADA
You and I make a wonderful team,
Claudie!

ADA goes back to base, under the applause of Max, Adrien, Marinette and all their friends, who throw themselves on Max for a big collective hug.

214 MARINETTE
Max! You're the greatest genius the
world has ever seen!

215 MAX
Only up to 99,86%!

FADE TO BLACK

16 **INT. STUDY - DAY**

Gabriel wakes up, lying on the couch in the study. He is disoriented, surprised to see Adrien and Nathalie with him.

216 ADRIEN
Dad... are you okay?

Adrien looks so worried that Gabriel takes it upon himself to reassure him.

217 GABRIEL
It's nothing... I'm just a bit
tired! Between the launch of the
Alliance ring, the new fashion
line... I haven't had a moment of
rest.

He glances apprehensively at Natalie. She looks at him sternly. Gabriel sighs.

218 GABRIEL (CONT'D)
I can't do this anymore. I spend
way too much time working, and not
enough time with you, Adrien.
(looking determined)
I'm going to do everything I can to
change that.

Nathalie and Adrien open their eyes in surprise.

219 ADRIEN
Really?

220 GABRIEL
It's my greatest wish.

Adrien's phone ring.

221 ADRIEN
Marinette...

Seeing that his son is about to put his phone in his pocket without answering, Gabriel speaks in a warm voice:

222 GABRIEL
You can take your friend's call, Adrien.

Adrien smiles, and walks away to answer Marinette, under the benevolent gaze of Nathalie and Gabriel.

223 ADRIEN
Marinette!? My father is fine, thank you. You want to improvise our conversation? Sure we can!

No sooner has he left the room than Natalie stops pretending and scolds Gabriel.

224 NATHALIE
You took a huge risk. For a disastrous result. All that your attempts have accomplished is to accelerate the effect of Cat Noir's cataclysm.

Gabriel doesn't blink, and just asks coldly:

225 GABRIEL
How much more time do I have?

226 NATHALIE
Probably very little.

EPISODE POSTER PAINT: Gabriel in the crypt facing the glass bubble, Monarch in his lair, the kwamis in their cages behind him... the image becomes darker and darker, just like the mark of the cataclysm, spreading. Black.

17 **EXT. PARIS - ROOFS - NIGHT**

Ladybug and Cat Noir are on the edge of a roof, watching the sun go down.

227 LADYBUG
Still, I find it strange that Monarch himself never uses the power of Second Chance..!

228 CAT NOIR
You mean we’re lucky he doesn’t, M’Lady!

END OF EPISODE